

Current Events

Seminar Series – Current Topics in Law

Join federal judges, attorneys and legal scholars for an in-depth look at some of the most fascinating and thought-provoking topics in law today. Each seminar will include time for Q & A and a wealth of useful handouts and resources. Brought to you by the U.S. Courts. All seminars will be held at the Thomas F. Eagleton U.S. Courthouse, 111 South 10th Street, St. Louis 63102. Light refreshments will be served.

- Special series pricing: \$10 for all 3 programs!

Please use Class # 565 or use numbers listed below for individual programs of your choice:

How Judges are Selected and Why it Matters

Did you know that the U.S. District Judges in Eastern Missouri are appointed by the President just like the Justices of the U.S. Supreme Court? Did you know that one of the common methods for judicial selection in state courts began here and is named The Missouri Plan? What are the similarities and differences in the ways judges are selected, appointed or elected at the state and federal levels? This seminar will be taught by a federal judge with support from key court staff.

Eagleton Courthouse 511

Friday, Mar 28,

10:00-11:30

Fee: \$5



Life After Prison: Federal Re-Entry Programs

Join members of the nationally recognized Eastern Missouri U.S. Probation Office to learn about their efforts to provide opportunities for ex-offenders and to decrease the recidivism rate in Eastern Missouri and beyond. The U.S. Probation Office in St. Louis is considered an innovator and leader for all other federal probation offices in the country and is featured in a new documentary called "Out of the Box," which tells the personal stories behind these innovations, including the unprecedented hiring of an ex-offender, Clark Porter, to serve as a program support specialist in the office. This seminar will introduce you to many of their life-changing programs.

Eagleton Courthouse 512

Friday, Apr 25, 10:00-11:30

Fee: \$5

All About Jury Service: An Inside Look

Join us in the Jury Assembly Room of the Thomas F. Eagleton U.S. Courthouse for an informative session on the American institution of jury service. This seminar will explore the historical origins of jury service, and also look at the modern applications in the U.S. and around the world. This session will be taught by a federal judge with support from key court staff.

Eagleton Courthouse 513

Friday, May 16, 10:00-11:30

Fee: \$5

Frankenstein's Monster and Medical Ethics

Dr. Ira Kodner, the Solon and Bettie Gershman Professor of Colon and Rectal Surgery at the Washington University School of Medicine and the Director of the Center for the Study of Ethics and Human Values

Gain a greater understanding for the ethical questions that doctors face. Dr. Kodner will describe a real-life medical case and the ethical dilemmas weighed. What would you have decided? Dr. Kodner directs one of the only comprehensive programs in ethics and human values at a university in the United States.

Clayton OASIS 147

Tuesday, Apr 29, 1:00-3:00

Fee: \$12



Great Decisions: Foreign Policy Discussion Series

Roy Overmann, Webster University, Political Science and Philosophy departments

Investigate eight of the most thought-provoking foreign policy challenges facing Americans in 2014 in this thought-provoking series. A textbook and videos provide background information, current data and policy options for each issue and serve as the focal text for discussion. Discussion topics include Defense Technology, Israel and the U.S., Turkey's Challenges, Islamic Awakening, Energy Independence, Food and Climate, China's Foreign Policy and U.S. Trade Policy. Fee includes your study guide, a \$20 value.

Kirkwood OASIS 309

Thursday, Feb 13- Apr 3, 1:00-3:00

Fee: \$50; Sessions: 8